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SUBJECT: IRAQI-CHINESE RELATIONS

1. CHINESE DEPUTY MINISTER OF FOREIGN TRADE CHAI SU FANG
HEADED TRADE MISSION TO IRAQ WEEK OF SEPTEMBER 9. MISSION
RECEIVED GOOD MEDIA COVERAGE AND WAS RECEIVED AT HIGH
LEVELS. MAIN PURPOSE GIVEN AS EXPANDED ECONOMIC TIES.
VISIT COINCIDED WITH INITIAL CALLS OF NEW CHINESE AMB
CHAO HSING-CHI WHO PRESENTED CREDENTIALS TO PRESIDENT
BAKR ON SEPTEMBER 2. HSING-CHI WAS RECEIVED BY RCC
VICE PRESIDENT SADDAM HUSSEIN ON SEPTEMBER 11.

2. COMMENT: NO NEW SUBSTANTIVE ACCORDS HAVE
BEEN ANNOUNCED, BUT IRAQI RECEIPTIVENESS TO CHINESE
(E.G. SADDAM HUSSEIN DOES NOT NORMALLY RECEIVE NEW
AMBASSADORS) SUGGESTS THAT DIFFICULTIES SURROUNDING
DEPARTURE OF FORMER CHINESE AMB LAST MAY REPORTEDLY BECAUSE
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OF CHINESE SUPPORT FOR KURDS, HAVE BEEN IRONED OUT.

3. IRAQI RECEPTIVENESS MAY ALSO BE RELATED TO CERTAIN
GOI DISPLEASURE WITH USSR. SOVIETS HAVE PRIVATELY
EXPRESSED DISAPPROVAL OF IRAQI MILITARY CAMPAIGN AGAINST
KURDS AND PUBLICLY TAKEN NEUTRAL POSITION ON IRANIAN-
IRAQI CONFLICT. LOWRIE

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